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Two steps forward, three steps back

Asbestos forces newspaper office relocation

By KAMI THURSTON

While renovating the Student Newspaper Office, maintenance workers cracked a number of floor tiles that they believe contained asbestos. When these tiles were cracked asbestos particles could have been released into the air. This forced Director of Campus Operations Rick Armstrong to have the locks changed i m m e d i a t e l y . Armstrong said, "I had an obligation to close the office as soon as we discovered there might be a problem like that."

Instead of immediately renovating the office now the college must wait for tests to

find out if the room is contaminated by asbestos. The original plan was to divide S-107 down the middle with one half being for student government and the other half being for the BCC Hornet. The plan still remains for the room to be divided although the campus administration is considering making S-105 the permanent home of the student newspa-

Many students have questioned why the newspaper staff was always moving and hard to find. Lynsey Pavlik Co-Editor in Chief said, "We have been moved twice already, it took a month for us to get a

phone in the first office, and now once again we have no phone, it is nearly impossible to run a newspaper without the proper equipment."

Besides the phone the student newspaper lacks the proper equipment to even publish a paper on campus. Co - Editor in Chief Brian Frampton said, "We have submitted a list that included a computer with a decent size hard drive and at least 233MHz processor, scanner, printer, and software. So far we received a computer with a small drive and 200MHz processor,

and the software we requested. We have worked hard to publish a quality newspaper and it is nice to hear that the administration recognizes our efforts. Hopefully, we will be able to do our layout on campus in the future."

The relocation of the newspaper office could not have come at a worse time; the doors were locked two days before the deadline for the third issue of the BCC Hornet. This caused mass confusion among the writers and staff of the paper, forcing the deadline to be pushed back two days. Pavlik said, " It seems as if there has been a lack



Photo by Sue Watson Co-editor in Chief of the BCC Hornet Brian Frampton ponders, "Is this anyway to run a newspaper?"

of communication between the newspaper staff and the colleges administration from day one, although I am sure it is not intentional.

In cooperation with Broome Community College Director of Student Activities David Masler and Vice President and Student and Community Affairs Charlie Quagliata, the Hornet has published three quality issues this semester. Two more issues are planned this semester. Last minute attempts to reach Quagliata or Maslar for comment proved to be unsuccesful.

Student Center may see improvements

By JEFF HOGG

Amid the new buildings and the renovations taking place at Broome Community College, there is one site that is slowly deteriorating. For several years, the wall surrounding the Student Center has been crumbling before the eyes of Broome students. For three years, Broome officials have been looking for funding to repair the wall. According to Rick Armstrong, Director of Campus Operations, the State University Construction fund is prepared to provide fifty percent of the expenses. The county is considering donating the remaining fifty per-

"We essentially have three options," said Armstrong, "we could simply put up a new layer

of stone on the wall, completely refurbish it or restore the wall and enhance the site with tiers. The latter would allow for presentation seating and other attractions."

When the decision of how many repairs will be done on the wall is made, the college must then

decide who will do the work. According to Armstrong, the county will work if the stones are merely glued on. The job will be put out to bid for the complete restoration. In the case of enhancing the site, the college will seek guidance for the design and structure.

There have been no injuries reported in relation to the crumbling wall. It has been blocked off to insure the safety of faculty, staff, and students.

"The nicest thing about the wall is that in nice weather, students can congregate there and talk," said Armstrong. "When one student is sitting on a bench, other students tend not to sit next to that person. With a functioning Student Center wall, there is a feeling of campus life; a feeling of com-



Photo by Sue Watson
The wall outside the student center may be
in for long needed repairs.



Photo by Sue Watson

BCC student James Madden was mistaken for a bum on campus.

Vagrancy on campus

By SUE WATSON

How many of you saw the "bum" on the bench outside of the library on last Wednesday?

Evidently Broome Community College Faculty member Dr. John Pierog did. Pierog was walking by the Library when he noticed a man sprawled out on a bench in the courtyard.

This was not a normal student. This man was partially covered in newspaper, unshaven, and wore what appeared to be tattered clothing. Pierog wasted no time, he went directly to Vice President of Student and Community Affairs Charlie Quagliata and asked that the vagrant be removed from the campus.

When Quagliata went out to escort the vagrant

off campus he was surprised to find out it was not a vagrant at all.

The Introduction to Filmmaking class was shooting a movie. The "bum" was student James Madden!

If you can fool the college staff, your acting was great. Any teacher, even Dr. Pierog, would probably give you an "A" for the project.

Alec Baldwin: Politician?

Movie star speaks at Democratic fund-raiser

By LYNSEY PAVLIK

When most people think of politics they rarely think of movie stars. Actor Alec Baldwin is changing that train of thought. The silver screen star spoke at the Broome County Democratic Committee fund-raiser Tuesday, March 31 at the Grand Ball of the Regency Hotel in Binghamton to a crowd of 300 Democrats.

"I am a full time, to the bone, hope to die Democrat," said Baldwin his speech. Frightened by the practices and ethics of New York Governor George Pataki and New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato, Baldwin stressed the need to reverse the Republican Legislature in New York.

Baldwin also questioned the motives of Sen. D'Amato and attacked his policies. Baldwin continued to question D'Amato and quoted one of his fund raising letters. In the letter, D'Amato at-tacked his opponents as being too liberal. Baldwin pointed out that, for D'Amato, being too liberal meant short changing child care, attacking putting more police on the street as being too costly and opposing a military assault weapons ban.

Baldwin addressed the issue of public schools. Baldwin, whose father was a public school teacher for over 25 years, is an adamant defender of the public school system. "Our public school system should be the envy of the world," he said, "Let's not have New York's legacy be that our prison system is the envy of the United States or of the world." Baldwin continued to attack New York Republicans for cutting funding to the arts in public schools. He feels that Republicans are afraid of the arts because they promote freethinking.

The actor concluded his speech by urging everyone in attendance to be active in local politics and recruit people to the Democratic Party. Broome County Legislature Andy Kavulich Sr. of Johnson City spoke briefly with Baldwin but couldn't get him to comment on whether or not he has plans to run for public office. Kavulich and New York State Democratic Party Chair-Barbara woman Paoletti both speculate that in a few years New York may see Baldwin on the Democratic ticket for governor.



Photo by Lynsey Pavlik

Actor Alec Baldwin addresses Democrats at the Binghamton Regency Hotel.

Phi Theta Kappa Meeting Schedule

Tues. 4/7 11:00 a.m.

Executive Meeting Tues. 4/21 11:00 a.m.

General Meeting
Tues. 4/28 11:00 a.m.
Executive Meeting

Tues 5/5 11:00 a.m. General Meeting

General Meetings places subject to change. Watch for our posters. Our general meetings this semester are primarily devoted to our national service project on AIDS and our national student topic on the family. Please Join us and bring friends.

All executive meetings are open to all of our members. Feel free to attend and participate.

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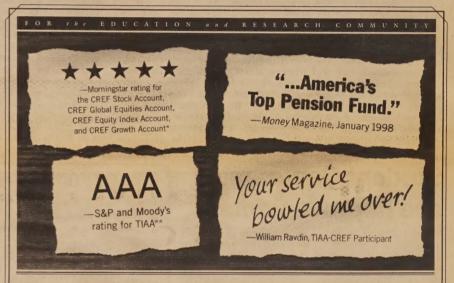
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Common hour features gay parenting presentation

By TODD JONES

Dr. April Martin, Author of The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook, spoke to approximately 100 people during Common Hour on Thursday, April 2.

Dr. Martin is a psychologist with expertise in gay and lesbian parenting issues. Dr. Martin and her partner of 16 years have two children, one boy and one girl.

During her presentation Dr. Martin told the audience how the image of lesbian parenting has changed over the years. In the early eighties the idea was considered "wild." Dr. Martin said, Lesbian women were seen as women who "suddenly fell in love with the Avon Lady." The idea of two women being committed enough to raise a family was not widely accepted, even among the gay community.

Martin said, "There is a shift going on in culture about the definition of family." This has led to societies growing acceptance of gay and lesbian parenting.

Not everyone in society has accepted Dr. Martin's ideals. Her appearance at BCC drew one solitary protester. Andrew Theodore was escorted from the lecture hall after repeatedly voicing his objections to the content of the presentation. He interrupted Dr. Martin several times accusing her of "violating God's law." The rest of the audience did not appreciate Theodore's opinion, and yelled at him to shut up and sit down. As Theodore left the room he said, "I am not going to listen to this blasphemy."

Most of the students attending felt that society has come along way in sixteen years and the progress has been noticeable. BCC student Nick Andretta said, "The world is a changing place, even if you do not agree with another persons decision you must respect it."



Dr. April Martin talked to BCC students April 2 during Common Hour about gay and lesbian parenting in her presentation "The Gayby Boom: What Does it Mean About Family Values?"

We need students interested in running the Student Newspaper next semester. The job is tough and takes dedication, however it can also be rewarding. If you are interested in any staff position please contact Brian Frampton or Lynsey Pavlik immediately. We can normally be found in the BCC Hornet office S-105 or we can be reached at 778-5110. The entire Hornet staff graduates next semester so we need you to keep the paper alive.

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Revolutionary look at campus security

By JEFF MONTGOMERY

I am always happy to see that Broome Community College is doing it's best to keep costs down for students, although this time it may have gone a bit to far. In every building on campus you will find a terminal for the HorNET system. In order to deter theft, the school has in-stalled a computer lock at each terminal. The computer lock, like a bike lock, is a steel cable, which attaches to the monitor at one end and the table at the other. The monitor is a color monitor, as long as you consider that one brownish orange tinge a color. It is clearly emblazoned with the year 1987 on the back.

While gazing at the monitor I began to wonder what the "street" value is for a tiny monochrome computer system. Keep in mind that it is not compatible with any common computer, and it was probably manufactured before the end of the Cold War.

After numerous dead ends, I finally managed to find out the street price for one of these monitors. Negative Three dollars, yup that's right, you would have to pay someone at least three dollars just to go through the trouble of throwing the monitor out.

To find out why the college was wasting money on a ten-dollar lock for a worthless monitor I interviewed Stanley K. Pachowski, the Deputy Assistant of Groundskeeping and Physical Plant.

Here is an Excerpt from the interview: keep in mind this is an editorial and Stanley K. Pachowski is not a real per-

Hornet: So Stanley, can you tell me why the college is spending ten-dollars for a lock that secures a worthless moni-

Pachowski: {laughing}...We're not locking the monitors!

Hornet: But I saw it myself! The Monitors.

Pachowski: {still laughing} No no! Yeah of course, the TV thingy is attached to one end of the lock, but the ideer is to lock down them there computer tables. Hornet: The tables?

Pachowski: Yeppur, Dem tables are worth fifty bucks each. We don't want dem beauties walking away, now do we? Hornet: Ugh, no I guess not.

Pachowski: Darn right, a thief sees that ol' computer thingy on there and he thinks "Man, I shur don't want to lug that thing around!" And that keeps them from stealing the table.

Hornet: Ahhhh, well, why just the

computer tables? What about the other furniture around campus? There are some pretty nice couches in the AT building.

Pachowski: Yeah, well we've been working on that. We figure there are a lot of computers around campus and the students just play games on them. So every night we take another computer from the labs. Then we stockpile them in the cellar of the business building. When we get enough of them we're gonna make shur that not another piece of campus property is ever stolen again. Say, yer not gonna tell anyone about this are you?

Hornet: Heck no! This is just between us guys. {Editors note: Jeff assures us that, in keeping with high journalistic standards, his fingers were firmly crossed at the time.} Pachowski: Good, good!

Hornet: So you're going to attach a monitor to every piece of furniture on campus? Pachowski: For a big time college student, you shur do think small! We're gonna attach some computer part to every single piece of school property. Why just use the monitors? Every student's desk will be firmly locked to one of dem main computer parts. Walk away with someone's stapler; not gonna happen with an IBM ProPrinter II danglin from it! Want to borrow a pen when at the secretary's desk? Sure just never mind the keyboard attached to it! Yessir it'll be a state of the art security system. We're finally gonna put all that technology to good use!

So there you have it folks, our tuition dollars (not to mention our computer fee dollars) at work. So the next time you are in line wondering why there are never enough computers for all the students to use, just remember: At least our campus



Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

There is problem here at our lovely Broome Community College, it has to do with butts. Lots and lots of butts. but these buts are not attached to the lovely women that attend this college, but the disgusting cigarettes that litter our campus.

As members of the student government here at BCC we see a lot of litter that defaces our campus. One of the main causes of this litter is a simple flick of the wrist sending cigarette butts onto the lawn. This problem not only makes our campus unattractive. It also caused a lawn fire last week

The reasoning behind this litter is ludicrous, with there being a trash can, or ash tray at the entrance of each building. In fact there should not be any cigarette butts lying anywhere on campus, so the next time you flick a butt realize you are littering and defacing the campus.

If you see somebody flick a but kindly ask them not to, and point them to a trash can or ash tray, since they may not remember what one looks like and could use the help.

Thank you. Student Government President Lee Betchel & Vice President Sebastian Natera

What are you planning to do over spring break?

Survey Says:

By KELLY MONTGOMERY

What do you think of the sexcapades surrounding President Clinton? Do you think they interfere with his policy making?



Lacy McCabe: "Personally I think it is ridiculous and I think it interferes with his policy making.



Bonnie Winans: "There has been a lot of media coverage... We need to have closure, it needs to end quickly. Yes I think it is interfering with his policy making.



Jessica Williams: "I want to believe they are not true, honestly I am losing faith in the man. No I do not think it is interfering with his policy making.



James Thorne: "It is wrong because he is the President. He should have more resistance. needs to keep his office in line. Yes I think it is interfering with his policy making."

Professor Abbot"I

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week off for my

Dave Micha: "Stay here and chill out.





Issak Satar: "I'm going to the Baha-





Professor Mellert: "Stay here in the triple

Spring: Friend or Foe Friend

By SABASTIAN NATERA

Today I saw the sun shining and heard the birds chirping, the only thought running through my mind was that spring was here. Beautiful spring, with your greens and an end to the endless grays and whites of winter. With your warm sun rather than the cold laughing orb that dominates the sky during winter and makes us long for days when we can shed our coats and enter the world.

I could hardly wait to lace up my sneakers and head to the courts to indulge in the greatest summer sport of all time, basketball. The dreams of millions of young boys and girls are made and formed on these courts.

Nobody keeps track of the score, the teams change on a regular basis, and it is not who wins that matters, but how much you enjoy playing the game. There is nothing so satisfying to me as the smell of hot blacktop, that is the smell of summer in my book. The sounds of sneakers squealing and squeaking as the young boys dive after balls and play

the game of their lives over and over again. Pride is taught, and so is the bonding experience that all males must have in their lifetime.

Then there are the girls that line up along the court cheering their men on to victory, or comforting them in defeat. The best feeling that a man can feel is to "school" somebody in front of his girl, then look over and realize that she was watching you. To see her smile in your direction and to look away and pretend that you don't care, yes, the games we

play.
Yes, spring is great. A Sunday afternoon spent playing basketball and chilling with your friends. Wondering who remembered to bring the water, and looking for shade between games. Playing with and against your friends but knowing that after the game you will still be boys, because basketball and spring are such a lovely thing to watch. Is it any wonder why I look forward to and love spring so much? Because it leads into summer, and summer is the season of life.

Foe

By GLENN LUDDINGTON

The Southern Tier of New York is famous for its dreary, overcast skies and spring is no exception. Just like other seasons, it's easy to find things you don't like about it, for one reason or another.

Ask someone whose basement floods what they think of spring. Larry Kloch of Vestal runs his pump 24 hours a day, barely keeping ahead of the deluge of water seeping in from the swollen Choconut Creek near his house. Besides keeping NYSEG in business almost single-handedly, the stink of mildew and rot nearly choke you when you go downstairs to the room where the pump is located. The last time the pump broke down, water spread into other sections of the basement and ruined his carpet. He had to sell his pool table because the moisture was destroying that too. "It sucks," Kloch said, referring to spring.

Poets love to romanticize about spring being the season for love. "In spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to

thoughts of love, "Tennyson wrote. What he forgot to mention were the bugs that lightly suck the blood out of that same young man. Stinging insects, flies and those nasty little gnats that fly into your eyes, nose, ears and mouth turn most people's thoughts to anything but love. The singer Jethro Tull was more accurate by saying, "The maggots bloom like flowers in the spring.

Mold spores, mildew and a kind of wormy smell are all characteristic of spring. Anyone with allergies dreads the wheezing, sneezing and excessive mucus produced at this time of year. So much pollen is released by the budding plants that is actually dangerous for some people to go outside. The warmer daytime temperatures provide little compensation for such irritating factors.

Spring is a muddy season; pigs must like it. Summer is next, bringing with it sweltering heat and unbearable humidity. Fall is too short and winter is too long. Aren't you glad you live in Broome County.

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God blesses sinners in "Saints"

By GLENN LUDINGTON

The path to righteousness is not always as clearcut as one might think "We fools accounted his life of madness and his end to be without honor: How is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints!"

(Solomon 5:4)
In, "Lives of the Saints," playwright David Maslar fuses modern social references with Christian beliefs to beget this rather puzzling esoteric satire asking the question, what if the saints were alive today?

Set at Augie's "Caravan Lounge," (a local 70's strip club) Hildergard of Bingham(ton) and Joan of Ark(ansas) join the rest of God's chosen for fellowship and a communion of beer and manna. They take turns talking about a variety of symbolic events, each in their own unique way. What they all have in common is some redeeming quality that sets them apart from other sinners. In the final scene each is given a red rose, the symbol of sainthood.

God (Janet Francis) certainly shines on the captivating St. Mary (Heather



A scene from "Lives of the Saints".

Swezey). Swezey steals hearts as she weeps, thinking that she alone has been forsaken. All eyes watch as the spotlight tightens on her, for at that moment she is bestowed the highest honor of all, a pale blue rose.

Matt Short plays St. Bartholomew the sad clown, taking the audience form laughter to silence in the same breath, demonstrating a true grasp of acting

Teresa Myers gets the "most believable character" award for her part as St. Veronica. Her story line is the most clearly defined of the whole pro-

To the rest of the

saints, John (Joseph Santangelto), (Angelique Zuccolo), Joseph (Mike Vivian), Hildergard (JoEllyn Hildergard MacLeod), Joan (Robyn Bennett) and Brandon (David Maslar), all gave a very memorable theatrical performance.

On a special note, our thoughts and prayers go out to Bryan Cahill who is in the hospital undergoing heart surgery. His determination to participate in this play led to the videotaping of his part (St. Peter) which is shown using a television monitor. Cahill knows what the phrase "the show must go on" really means. Good luck Bryan.



Knight here. This is an extreme example of the benefits of good development-Black is up in material and helpless). Nc6-d4; 22.Be3-d4, e5-d4; 23.Qg4-d4, Bf8-g7 (Resigning was better); 24.Qd4-g7 (Nd5f6 mates in four moves), Kd6c5; 25.Qg7-d4ch., Kc5-d6; 26.Nd5-b4ch.,Kd6-e6;27.Qd4c4ch., Ke6-e5; 28.Qc4-e2 mate.

and all Black's men are sleeping at home. This is a textbook example of the benefits of demove 13, the activity of the remaining pieces, combined with the lack of activity of Black's men, gave Black no time to exploit this advantage. See you next issue.



Playwright Dave Maslar

Exploring "Lives of the Saints"

By GLENN LUDINGTON

BCC Student Activities Director David Maslar's play, "Lives of the Saints," pre-miered March 27, 28 and 29 at the college's Little The-

"Once your play is released for production, it's no longer yours. It's in the hands of the director and the cast," he said. At first, it sounded like Maslar was talking about his children leaving the nest.

Maslar first got the idea for his play while talking to Angelo Zuccolo, who thought it was a very interesting subject. What would it be like if the Catholic saints were introduced into a modern-day context?

To accomplish the task, Maslar first figured out which of the saints he wanted to include and then researched their experiences. Gather-

ing as many modern references to the saints as possible, he combined the information mentally and formulated a show that takes place in a local cabaret, with each saint doing a monologue about their lives in the 20th century. With a little help, the play took four months to complete.

The character of "Brandon" is the creation of 10year old Brandon Maslar, who wrote the part himself. Dad decided to include it and played the part himself. Barnes and Noble also picked up Brandon's story for a compendium of children's writ-

"Lives of the Saints" was written as an Off Off-Broadway production, and may not have appealed to everyone. The metaphors and symbolism were so abundant they may someday inspire a book.



Tomorrow Never Comes, a Common Hour play by the BCC Theater Group.

The Chess Corner

For this week's column. we concentrate on a term called "development." Development is defined as the process of getting your pieces off their original squares, and into the game's action. Think of the game as a party you need to invite all of your friends.

White: Rob Tierney

Black: Mephisto (Computer) 1.e2-e4, c7-c5 (The Sicilian Defense, Black's most aggressive opening); 2.Ng1-f3, d7d6; 3.d2-d4, c5-d4; 4.Nf3-d4, Ng8-f6; 5.Nb1-c3, a7-a6 (The Najdorf Variation, the most aggressive variation of the Sicilian); 6.Bf1-c4 (The Sozin Variation, Fischer's favorite), e7-e6; 7.Bc4-b3, b7-b5 (The games of the Fischer-Tal Candidates Tournament 1959 prove that this move is

forced); 8.f2-f4, b5-b4? (Very poor judgement. The pawn at e4 is poison); 9.Nc3-a4, Nf6-e4; 10.Bc1-e3, d6-d5? (Development is required. White has four pieces out to Black's one. Bf8-e7 or Bc8b7 was necessary); 11.0-0, Bc8-b7 (This is too late and weakens e6, but I have no better suggestion); 12.f4-f5!, e6-e5; 13.Nd4-e6!, f7-e6 (Forced. Ne6-f8 cannot be allowed); 14.Qd1-h5ch., Ke8e7? (His majesty ought to head for d6); 15.f5-e6, Ke7d6: 16.Na4-b6. Nb8-c6: 17.Nb6-d5! (Correctly ignoring the Rook at a8. The open d file means a Rook check at d1 wins the Queen at d8), Ne4c5; 18.Rf1-f7, g7-g6; 19.Qh5-g4, Nc5-b3; 20.a2-b3, Bb7-c8 (Toprevent Rf7-d7ch); 21.Ra1d1 (You have to count pieces to

see that White is down a

All of White's pieces contribute to the final position, velopment. Even though White gives up a Knight on

The Decline of the Pocket Protector: and its role as a prelude to the fall of Western society

By ANGELA KREMPEL

From the well furnished offices of over-stressed therapists, so committed to solving others problems and phobias that they are easily overwhelmed by small strains and petty fears, to the laboratories of brazen scientists, determined to outsmart and conquer God himself with the help of dwindling government grants; From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam; Yes, even in the small cubicles where hapless men and women sit isolated, save a heartless. unresponsive computer to swear at, until their skin blends in with the beige partitions or the Chinese take out they have eaten every lunch hour since they got the damned job (coupled with lack of sleep) finally overcomes them, and their hearts give way, here in these very places has use of the pocket protector declined and in some cases ceased. But why?

Why would individuals already inflicted with more tortures than we in our relative havens of physical and psychological comfort could ever imagine forfeit their rights guarantied by the hellish, albeit high paying, jobs they hold? These rights are, basically, the right to have a good, inexpensive pen handy, so they needn't search franti

cally for one when one is needed, and the right to go home each and every night without an ink stain just below their shirt pockets. And these rights are guarantied to be protected only by wearing a pocket protector. So, we are left to ask, "What's wrong with these insensate imbeciles? Why don't they simply employ the use of a pocket protector?" Perhaps the type who goes for that kind of job is inherently masochistic? Could it be that so constant exposure to stresses that we can not even begin to imagine as they are made to face each and everyday drives them to lose their wits to the degree that causes them to leave their precious and practical pocket protector in posh abodes as they depart for a long day of the kind of horrifying pain that I pray you and I need never come to grips with? Or maybe they're just stupid? I think not, my brethren. These men and women are victims. They suffer from a symptom of a pestilent societal disease. Therefore, dear reader, instead of "How'd those goofballs get through posthigh school training when they haven't the sense to do what is obviously needed to keep their shirts tidy?" We must turn inward and ask ourselves, "Where did we go wrong?" and "What can we do

to reverse this alarming trend?

What I am now forced to reveal to you may disturb. dismay, distress, and shock you. No! Hide not your eyes my brothers! Look not away my sisters! For you must know the bitter facts of the matter. Yes, the truth often hurts, yet without knowledge of the poison, how can we concoct the antidote? The apparent dominant reason for the decline in use of pocket protectors is the social stigma placed on a person who uses one. A man who wears a pocket protector seems immediately stamped with the bar sinister of "NERD". As defined by Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary a nerd is one "who is socially inept, foolish, or ineffectual". For a woman, the brand is burned in all the more clearly. Yes, shocking,

but true none the less, fellow Americans! What started with a few cute jokes about nerds with pocket protectors, has gone atrociously awry, progressing to serious social trauma for pocket protecting citizens. Until finally even the actual nerds saw the way things were, and ashamedly buried their pocket protectors deep in a junk drawer. What does this tell us about modern Western society? Huh? What do you mean, nothing?!

Wrong! It means simply this. From pocket protectors, to drugs, to promiscuity, to gangs, in general people will do anything, no matter how impractical, no matter how foolish, no matter how deadly. to belong. How can we expect our children to stand up to, excuse my cliche, "peer pressure", when the most intelligent among us follow ridicu-

lous, baseless trends like sheep? Let us put a stop to this now. Have you no mind but the collective mind of this anti-intellectual society? Have you no spine? No intestinal or testicular (where applicable, of course, for as you know pocket protectors look equally attractive on both sexes), fortitude? For heaven's sake, take a chance! Yes, you can make a difference! You owe it to your children and grandchildren. And if you haven't any and don't plan on having any, you owe it to my children and grandchildren. And, if after reading this you're thinking that thank God it'll be a mild winter in Watertown when this wacko propagates, I invite you to kiss off. Remember, pocket protectors are cool, comfortable, sleek and stylish; the wave of the future. Think about it, won't you? Thank you.

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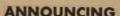
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Coontz continues bridgework at community forum

By LYNSEY PAVLIK

The convocation community forum gave Stephanie Coontz's audience a chance to question the speaker following her keynote address Coontz began the discussion with an anecdote that illustrated the difference between the problems in the public schools of the "ideal" 1950's and the problems in today's classrooms. Coontz had come across a list of problems and traced its origin. While she possesses only a few variations of the list, hundreds exist. Coontz said, "It's interesting to see the way society starts with a sound-bite and runs with it.

Questions posed to the professor ranged from religion to economics to the media, all involving some aspect of the family. Many discussion participants asked for advice from Coontz, and though her responses were at times long winded, she displayed a wide range of knowledge in many sub-

One audience member asked what the lower class can do to make a change for them and referred to Coontz's metaphor. Coontz replied by saying, "It's a tragedy that our generation rarely sees people come together. What we need to do, instead of asking what did we do wrong? we need to ask what we can do different?"

Coontz also engaged in a lengthy discussion with audience members about today's youth, saying that kids rarely have adults to turn to for advice, leaving them with two options: their peers or the consumer



Photo by Sue Watson Stephanie Coontz gave the keynote address on Convocation Day,

market. This led Coontz to a commentary on dead-end jobs of today's young adults. She feels there is a lack of adult mentors in today's workplace for young adults. A solution Coontz provided was the possibility of a summer job program for kids of employees. This would provide kids with hands on experience and time with adults that will help them in decision making and socializing

Coontz concluded the forum by saying, "We need to discuss our problems and assess how we got to where we are." Her final piece of advice also included the importance of self-confidence and social skills. Coontz provided a feeling of hope to her audience once again with the basic message that we, as a society, need to stand up to the hysteria and change the framework of our country in order to make a positive

Convocation Keynote speaker builds bridges

By LYNSEY PAVLIK

This semester's convocation theme centered on the family and raised the question: Myth, Metaphor or Reality? Author and Professor Stephanie Coontz dispelled some common family myths, explained family metaphors and introduced her audience to the reality of America's families, past and

Coontz, a history professor at Evergreen State College Olympia, Washington, and author of The Way We Never Were: American Families and Nostalgia Trap and The Way We Really Are: Coming to Terms with America's Changing Families, began her address by discussing the "bridge that we're building to the 21st century." She pointed out that, to most, as usual, the grass is greener on the other side and many are willing to abandon the ground they've been standing on with the hope that changes in society will just happen. Coontz stated later in her speech that not all change is for the best and what families need to do to form a stronger bond is to respect each other and commu-

Coontz centered most of her attention on the history of families, especially the myth of the 1950's romanticized, suburban, Leave it to Beaver tradition. Coontz said the families of the 50's saw many good things from the government such as veteran benefits, successful affirmative action and a comfortable social and economic climate Families also began retreating from society in the 50's because of the communist scare "born and built in the 50's" and a new philosophy. This philosophy, according to Coontz was that isolation would solve your problems. It seemed though, that society was in denial of their problems. Families didn't rely on outside help as they had in the past and this attributed to the breakdown of the ideal family

Professor Coontz also spoke of gender roles and marriage. "In the 1920's women and children bore the brunt of poverty," said Coontz. The 1950's essentially left the "modern mother" alone and on her own at home. When domestic violence arose, it wasn't so much a question of what the problem was within the family, but rather, what the woman did to provoke the attack. On the subject of marriage, Coontz stated that in order to save a marriage we must "adapt or die, not go back to the 50's." There must be a mutual respect among couples and open lines of communication in a family. It isn't enough to just talk, however, and one ideal cannot be held

Coontz believes that the key to building a strong family is similar to building a good bridge. Among architects it is said that a good bridge cannot be extended without support and the pieces are connected with expansion joints. In a suspension bridge, the cables are thousands of tiny wires woven together so that they all bare the same load.

Convocation Day: The Oneida Perfectionist Family

By GLENN LUDINGTON

This year's convocation day featured a wide variety of interesting workshops, including The Oneida Perfectionist Family, hosted by Professor Doug Garnar. The workshop focused mainly on the history of John Humphrey Noyes and his experimental community.

John Humphrey Noyes had a dream; the dream of creating a perfect society, or utopia. In 1848, he and his closest disciples started an experimental community at Oneida, NY, based on the principles of complex marriage, coitus reservatus and mutual criticism.

Noyes considered everyone and everything within the family to be communal property. In this sense, every male and female were married to each other, creating an inti-mate family of 300 people at community's climax. This type of complex marriage could be easily referred to as sexual communism, but using term marriage somehow made the practice seem more legitimate. In a time of sexual oppression, this system was especially attractive to women Young men would be given to older women and young women were given to older men, on the assumption that the elders of the group were best qualified to teach. This was based on the belief that they had obtained a higher level of "perfection" than the vounger members

The Oneida family experimented with eugenics at one point, but over the 30 years of the



Professor Doug Garnar

community's existence, only 12 children were conceived unintention-This incredible

achievement was obtained through strict adherence to the practice of coitus reservatus, the only type of birth control available in the 1800's besides absti-

Male perfection included mastering the technique of coitus reservatus or in other words having an orgasm without ejaculating. As strange as it may sound only a handful of men ever left the large fam-

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The Third Reich's idea of family

By SEBASTIAN NATERA

On Tuesday March 17, convocation day took place at Broome Community College giving students the chance to see many interesting speakers and attend many interesting workshops.

I chose to see Professor Fred Mellert and his presentation on the "German families during the nazi occupation." This subject seemed to interest many students, myself included.

Unfortunately what the student looked forward to and what they got were two totally different things. Student Senator Michelle Masco said, "Although I found the lecture to be interesting, Ithought the speaker was ill prepared and evasive. Overall the lecture was a disappointment; Mellert seemed to ramble on for the one hour and fifteen minutes he spoke He barely touched on the topic that most students



felt the seminar was about."

Masco was upset by the content of the work shop mainly because she looked forward to hearing about the scheduled topic. Instead of hearing about what the Nazi Regime considered the ideal family configuration or the propaganda used to encourage it, we were given small anecdotes that only hinted at what we wanted to know.

The audience was subjected to stories about boiled German underwear, and how they love clean sheets. At one point when Mellert began to focus on an interesting topic like the role of women

in the Nazi controlled German society, he quickly gave the group an internet address and told them to look it up.

The entire presentation seemed to lack organization. If the original topics had been focused on the response would have been better. However as it stands a number of students went as far to forego writing a report on the lecture due to a lack of discernible information

"Working with families" workshop

By KAMI THURSTON

The Convocation Day workshop, "Working With Families," was a panel discussion for future educators about how to better service families and children at the same time. The panel was comprised of Helena Richards, the owner of Carousel Daycare in Endicott. Nancy Seliga, the director of the Campus Childcare Center at BCC, and Mary Heust, the director of Parents And Children Together (PACT), which is a department of the Binghamton City School District. Barbara Nilsen, the director of the Early Childhood Education Program served as host and mediator.

The topic of the main discussion was how educators can, across the board and specifically, make parenting easier and more successful. These professionals had a lot to say and a lot of good advice. Much was said about how the family has changed economically and demographically in the past ten years and the need for educators to take that into consideration.

Richards said that her clientele has dramatically changed over the last several years, from predominately IBM employed then, to almost half receiving aid from the Department of Social Services (DSS) now. She also has a lot of shift workers now. and is thinking about staying open until midnight to better service them. Richards said that when she first opened her doors, the children she cared for mainly came from two parent households. Now. she said, many come from young single moms or even grandparent headed house-

In an effort to meet the needs of today's hurried families, Carousel Daycare has provided services such as dry cleaning, haircuts, and music lessons to families on the go. Richards also mentioned the fact that she had to have a security system installed not too long ago because of some problems with custody cases. She also offers a coun-

seling service for broken fami-

Richards commented on her personal philosophy of what childcare should be all about. She said, "You need to be the parents partner. Come at problems with a 'Can you help us with this attitude. Even though we may know the child better, we never let the parent feel that way." The parent is the greatest resource in childcare. Her goal is to make the lives of the children under her care better by helping busy parents become better moms and

Nancy Seliga has also noticed a change in the parents on the BCC campus that utilize the Childcare Center. Seliga said that when the campus first formed its Childcare facility, married families mostly used it when mom wanted to take a few extra classes during the day Now, it is almost entirely used by single mothers who need to go to school to provide for their families. She said that one of her most important roles is to be a good listener when parents need to talk.

One of the ways that the Campus Childcare Center tries to help parents is to teach them not to tell the children everything. They give the parents a place to talk and get help, so they can better focus on their children's needs when they are at home, because their needs have to be met first. She also mentioned the legal aspect of childcare, saying that the Center has to be informed of the laws and each family custody and visitation situation to keep the children safe.

I found Mary Heust to be the most interesting speaker. As the director of PACT, she works with about 150 families from the time mom is pregnant until the child enters kindergarten, and then monitors the child's progress throughout the school years. PACT is involved with families on three levels, level three being a case management process for troubled families usually dependant on DSS and having a history of problems. She felt the most important aspect of her job was to empower parents who feel that they have no hope, that they are not able to raise their children wisely, and that the system doesn't work for them.

Heust talked about the families that are forced to put their children into poor care because they have no other option. These families need someone to step in for them as a family advocate, and that is what PACT does. She was adamant about the fact that a mother will do what she needs to do to survive. Instead of condemning people who cannot afford good childcare for their children, we have to listen to what they are telling us they need and

find a way to make it happen

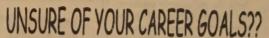
A parent will make the best choice available to them, even if it is a choice that others feel is unsafe or wrong, Heust stressed. So it is our responsibility to make a good choice available. It is her job to work with the system and get help for families, and it is also her job to train the parents how to be their child's first teacher, to make successful children. All of this shapes the type of student, and eventually the type of adult they will become, she said. "It is the parent who is going to make the difference in the child's life. Parent's need to understand child development so they can make

the best choices for education," Heust said.

Barbara Nilsen summed up the discussion beautifully. She said that every family has a strong point. No matter what their vulnerability is, there is a good point there too. Educators have to work with the families of their students to capitalize on that strong point. We cannot condemn people we think are bad parents, that doesn't help the child. We have to make services available to parents instead, to give them an opportunity to become better par-

It was a great workshop.

I felt that it was the best part of the whole Convocation Day.



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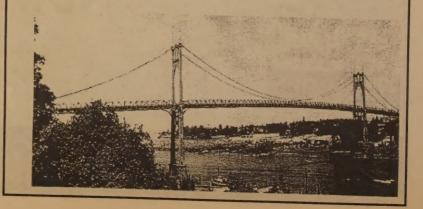
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Photo by Sue Watson
A BCC student enjoys some of the unseasonably warm
temperatures on the lawn near the campus Technology Building.



- Oneida group

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ily, leading one to assume that this practice was widely accepted by both sexes as a necessary alternative to unwanted pregnancies.

Because monogamous relationships were seen as being a selfish hindrance to one's ascension to "perfection", each member of the Oneida community had their own separate apartment within the mansion. Mutual criticism served to police the population against such indiscretions. Becoming too attached to anyone, even your own children, was grounds for expulsion. Noves considered himself to be perfect, and therefore was not subject to mutual criticism. In the Early years of the community anyone could have sex with anyone else without being refused. Later, sex became more regulated, with the family elders having first pick. This led to great resentment among young adults, who wanted to be with people their own age. One interesting note about the children raised in this sexually oriented community: they all became exceptionally successful and well adjusted in their adult lives, according to studies performed after the Oneida group disbanded. John Noye's son Pierpont went on to found the Oneida Flatware Company, which is still in existence today.

In conclusion, it was not group dissension or community pressure that led to downfall of the perfectionist society, but accusations of sexual misconduct involving children. John Humphrey Noye's dream was shattered. He fled the country by cloak of darkness, never to return. The dream he made a reality slowly faded into obscurity.

Reaction

Noyes was not a fool. He graduated high school at age 15, received a law degree from Dartmouth College and later attended Yale. Who else would have invented something as strange as coitus reservatus? He was the binding force that held the community together for 30 years, fighting off Christian intervention and social ignorance. He made his society profitable through tourism, agriculture and patented inventions.

I wonder how Noyes and his followers would have faired in today's world. The term "cult" comes to mind.



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Karaoke Winners

Mike Vivian, Angelique Zuccolo, Rick Simmons and Amy Owen were the winners of the Communication Club's Karaoke contest on March 24.



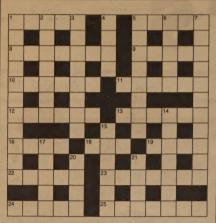
Phi Theta Kappa President Heath Strong announces the winners of the Essay Contest at the keynote address on Convocation Day. First place was awarded to Robert Kellum, second was given to Karen Isomenger (not shown) and third place went to Douglas Bush.

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HOROSCOPES

April 5-11

Aries - March 21/April 20

Don't let your temper get the best of you when it comes to a business deal. Think before you act. Those involved want the same things that you do; they just can't express it as well as you. A loved one has a question for you. Don't leave him or her hanging. Just give an honest answer.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

Bite your tongue when it comes to a family discussion this week, Taurus. Your harsh words are not going to help the situation. Just try to work with those involved to settle things. That special someone calls it quits. Don't get upset. It wasn't a good relationship and you know it.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

You don't know which way to turn early in the week. So many people want something from you, and you can't seem to escape the mayhem. Try to help whomever you can, but don't run yourself ragged. Think of what you need to do too. Things will calm down by the end of the week. Libra plays a key role on Wednesday.

Cancer - June 22/July 22 You're in a funk early in the week, Cancer, and you just can't seem to get out of it. Others try to cheer you up, but this really just irritates you. Keep your anger in check; they just want you to feel better. Take some time to sort out your feelings. It is sure to help you feel better.

Leo - July 23/August 23

Don't let your pride get in the way when it comes to a project you're working on. You can't do it all by yourself; ask for help. People are more than willing to work with you. An old friend re-enters your life. Catch up with him or her and don't be afraid to get close again. Gemini plays a key

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

While you just want some privacy this week, Virgo, that's the one thing you're not going to get. Loved ones are worried about you. Don't get upset with them. They really have your best interest at heart. That special someone gives you a meaningful gift. Think about your true feelings before accepting it.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

Your pleasant nature is put to the test early in the week, Libra. It seems as if everyone is working against you. You encounter roadblock after roadblock every time you try to do something. Do what you can. Things will be better soon. A close friend needs your advice about a relation-

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

People try to prey on your naivete early in the week, Scorpio. Look at all the facts before you agree to do something. Things just don't add up. Turn to loved ones for guidance. They are always there for you. A friend has a surprise for you. Enjoy it. Capricom plays a key role late

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

You have a lot of problems early in the week, Sagittarius. Try to look at the bright side of things, and do the best that you can. Things aren't really as bad as they seem. A loved one needs to talk. Be there for him or her. You can be a good listener when you want to be.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

This week offers you the perfect opportunity to get ahead professionally. Take it! Now's your chance to show others how talented you really are. A secret is revealed at a family gathering. While it is shocking, give those involved your love and support. Pisces plays an important role.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

You feel like a fish out of water this week, Aquarius. You just don't seem to fit in with those around you. Don't fret over the situation. Your efforts solve a problem later in the week, showing everyone that not only do you belong, but you can be a true leader. That special someone needs to talk to you. Don't get nervous.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

Show compassion to a loved one in need. He or she is in the middle of a difficult situation. Do your best to help him or her out. Your efforts really will be appreciated. A close friend imposes on your generosity. Don't be afraid to say that he or she has crossed the line.

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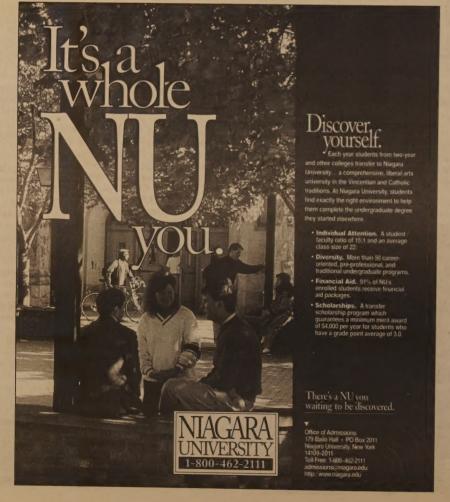
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SPORTS

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Lady Hornets on a roll to start season

By JAY POWELL

The Broome Community College Women's Softball Team continues to prepare for the regular season. So far this spring the ladies look like they will be a force to contend

In pre-season action

the Lady Hornets easily defeated Elmira 9-0. The two teams only played six innings due to an eightrun mercy rule. Kristine Shadduk pitched a one hitter and struck out six. Jen Bellis went 2-4 at the plate with three runs batted in.

Later on the Broome matched up against the

1998 Softball Schedule

Syracuse University club team. BCC won the game 8-3 behind a strong pitching performance from Rachel Sailor, she held Syracuse to six hits while striking out three.

The regular season starts on Saturday April 4. Here is the Schedule for the rest of the season.



Photo by Lynsey Pavlik
1976 Olympic athlete Bruce Jenner speaks to local high school student athletes about having a winning attitude.

Jenner offers inspiration to athletes

By LYNSEY PAVLIK

Obsession and dedication balanced with intense mental training propelled Bruce Jenner to be the world's best 20 years ago, the 1976 Olympian champion told Union-Endicott champs March 13.

It isn't strength or speed or steroids that make the difference in sports, but concentration and determination. Jenner told Union-Endicott Tiger Scholar Athletes who weren't alive when he won the decathlon gold medal in Montreal.

Students anxiously listened to Jenner, an inspirational lecturer, absorbing his energy along with the mes-Coaches relived Jenner's memories leading to his gold medal. Questions involved diets, training regimen and lifestyle. Jenner spoke of inner strength rather than anything derived from an exercise machine.

Jenner explained how he "didn't have any exceptional talents" in school, until he discovered sports. Jenner is dyslexic and admits he wasn't a good student. Going to school each day made him nervous as a child; he didn't want to look bad in front of his friends. Jenner believes his low self esteem disappeared after a timed sprint in his fifth grade gym class.

Discovering sports gave Jenner a new self image and positive outlook. It provided a niche in the world and an "arena to play in," Jenner said. What empowered him over the years wasn't so much the competition, but seeing how much farther he could

carry himself, Jenner said. Jenner went to the 1972 Olympic trials neither expecting nor expected to make the team. He went to have fun. On the last day of the trials, however, after moving from eleventh place to fifth. Jenner realized he had a chance at the Munich team.

Watching the decathlon gold medal ceremony after a tenth place finish that year, Jenner knew, that is what he wanted out of life. That same night, as Jenner tried to sleep in his Munich hotel room, he "heard the seconds ticking away and wondered why he was wasting time." So, at 11 p.m., Bruce Jenner began training himself to become the world's greatest athlete. Jenner literally was obsessed with his training for the Montreal games. Any doubts were overcome by concentration. Jenner holds that sports are 20 percent physically challenging and 80 percent mental game.

This proved to be more than true for Jenner when he competed in 1976. Five days before his event Montreal was drenched in rain and he watched a US champion take the bronze. Jenner thought, "that could happen to me." The pressure mounted when Jenner learned 65 of his friends and family that had traveled to see him on the bicentennial of his country. Jenner let the pressure work for him; by permitting the anxiety to push him. "That," Jenner said, "is the key. To take your emotions and make them work for you. That little dyslexic kid from the past that's still inside me."

Date		Opponent Site	Time	
Sat.	4/4	Jefferson Community College	H	1 p.m.
Sun.	4/5	Monroe Community College	A	2 p.m.
Thu.	4/9	SUNY Delhi	H	3 p.m.
Sat.	4/11	SUNY Alfred	Н	1 p.m.
Mon.	4/13	SUNY Cortland JV	A	3 p.m.
Thu.	4/16	Corning Community College	A	2 p.m.
Sat.	4/18	Finger Lakes Community	A	1 p.m.
Sun.	4/19	Genesee Community College	H LOST BU	1 p.m.
Tue.	4/21	SUNY Cobleskill	A	3 p.m.
Sat.	4/25	Niagara Community College	A	2 p.m.
Sun.	4/26	Erie Community College	A	noon
Tue.	4/28	Herkimer County Community	Н	3 p.m.
Sat.	5/2	Schenectady County Community	Н	1 p.m.
Sun.	5/3	Hudson Valley Community	H	1 p.m.
Tue.	5/5	Mohawk Valley Community	A	3 p.m.
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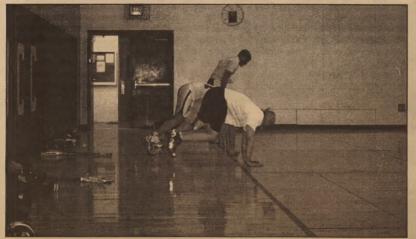
Lacrosse team jumps out of the gates 2-0

The Broome Community College Men's Lacrosse Team played it's first game ever at the varsity level on Thursday, April 2.

BCC faced off against SUNY-Utica in a non-league game. With four goals a piece Binghamton High School graduate Chris Sargent and Chenango Forks grad Steve Eck led the team to a 16-7 rout. Goalie Steve Correll chipped in with 12 saves.

In their second game of he season the Hornet's de-

feated host Mohawk Valley Community College 15-9. Brian Harding scored three of his game high four goals in the fourth quarter to lead the team. Chris Wike, Steve Eck, and Chris Sargent netted three goals a piece.



Tough spring workouts launched Broome's Mens' Lacrosse team to a 2-0 start for the